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SUBJ: US/USSR AGREEMENT ON HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION:

PROPOSED TIMING OF FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM NEWLY APPOINTED HUD SECRETARY, CARLA A. HILLS TO HONORABLE IGNATII NOVIKOV, CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS, MOSCOW, K-5, PROSPEKT MARKSA, 4. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

"DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: HAVING ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE INTEREST IN THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION. AS THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE AGREEMENT, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

"I SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE BE CONVENED IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 16. A LIST OF THE U.S. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU SHORTLY.

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"MR. L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN, MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL

LIAISON, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE AGREEMENT. I PROPOSE THAT HE VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN EARLY APRIL TO MEET WITH MR. TROITSKII AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

"I ANTICIPATE THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM OF MUTUALLY REWARDING EXCHANGES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH I VIEW AS AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
SINCERELY YOURS, CARLA A. HILLS"

2. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN SOVIET CONFIRMATION OF TIMING OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

3. SEPARATE TELEGRAM FOLLOWS ON PROPOSED GERTMENIAN VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. KISSINGER

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